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REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION (37 C.F.R. 41.50(a)(2)(ii))

This REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on May 22, 2008.

No fees are believed to be required to file a Reply Brief. If any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees, which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.